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SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR ISDC PERSONNEL

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1. RESPONDING TO REF. A WE CONFIRM FIGURES IN REF. B DO NOT
REPEAT NOT INCLUDE SUBSISTENCE OF TRAINEES.

2. NBS POINTS OUT THAT ITS LABORATORIES AND STAFF ARE NOT
ORGANIZED FOR SHORT-TERM TRAINING IN A VARIETY OF PROBLEM
SOLVING TECHNIQUES. HOWEVER, NBS LABORATORIES HAVE OUTSTANDING
RESEARCH COMPETENCE IN SOME TECHNICAL METHODS USEFUL FOR
INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS.

3. IF TRAINEES WISH TO STAY AND WORK FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER
ON AN EXISTING PROJECT WHERE THEIR TALENTS WILL CONTRIBUTE
TO NBS. OWN RESEARCH PROGRAM, WHILE THEY LEARN AT THE SAME TIME,
THEY ARE SOMETIMES ACCEPTED AS "GUEST WORKERS"
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AND TRAVEL COSTS ARE COVERED IN SUCH CASES BY GUEST WORKERS'

HOME INSTITUTION. MR. AL-KAHTANY CAN PROBABLY BE ACCEPTED AS SUCH A GUEST WORKER FOR SIX MONTHS' WORK IN METALLOGRAPHY.

4. NBS HAS ALSO CONTACTED THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES RESEARCH INSTITUTE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE TRAINING FOR AL-KAHTANY. NBS BELIEVES THEIR PROGRAM WOULD BE BEST BUT THEY ESTIMATE A TRAINING COST OF DOLS 3000 (PER MONTH).

5. GUEST WORKER STATUS FOR MR. HUSSAINAN IN POLMER CHEMISTRY WOULD DEPEND UPON ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, PREFERABLY INCLUDING REFERENCES FROM UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. GUEST WORKER STATUS IN PAPER TESTING NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

6. NBS RECOGNIZES GUEST WORKER STATUS PROBABLY NOT BEST FROM TRAINEES' VIEWPOINT. ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE AT NBS IS EXPENSIVE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.

7. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE IS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR COMBINATION OF INSTITUTIONS. NBS HAS NOT EXPLORED POSSIBLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT SUCH INSTITUTIONS. KISSINGER

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